

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (original): A circuit, comprising:

an oscillator having a current source-sink connection;

a switch coupled to the current source-sink connection and configured to receive a synchronizing signal having an active state, and an inactive state, wherein the switch has an on state activated by the active state and deactivated by the inactive state; and

a current path coupled to the switch, wherein the current path is configured to pass a current when the on state is deactivated, and wherein the switch is configured to pass the current when the on state is activated.

Claim 8. (original): The circuit of claim 7, wherein the switch is coupled to the current source-sink connection using a capacitor.

Claim 9. (original): The circuit of claim 7, wherein the oscillator is included in a pulse width modulator.

Claim 10. (original): The circuit of claim 9, further comprising: a self-oscillating, push-pull switching circuit coupled to the oscillator.

Claim 11. (original): The circuit of claim 10, wherein the self-oscillating, push-pull switching circuit is a Royer-class converter.

Claim 12. (original): The circuit of claim 10, further comprising: at least one cold-cathode fluorescent lamp coupled to the self-oscillating, push-pull switching circuit.

Claims 13-25 (cancelled).